



For His Glory

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From Pastor David

Through the season of Lent we've been offering a Bible study about everything that the cross means, and how we receive God's atonement through many different ways. At our last meeting, we were speaking of how Jesus gives us the victory and specifically of how the women in Mark's gospel were going to the tomb and wondering how they were going to move the stone blocking the entrance once they got there. This is one of the beautiful things about the four different gospel accounts, each one picks up different elements of the story. Now, I'll be honest in writing this, I had a revelation in our study about the stone blocking the entrance of the tomb. It seems that I'm often as dense as stone and don't really pick up on certain things, because for me the stone blocking the entrance of Jesus' tomb has been just a physical barrier and nothing more.

However, the stone blocking the tomb's entrance can mean so much more. Beyond just being a physical barrier, the stone also represents everything that keeps us from reaching Jesus and receiving new life in him. As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to make our own journey to the tomb to meet our risen Lord and Savior. Yet on our journey, we might have many things in common with the women in Mark's gospel. We begin the journey not really knowing exactly how we're going to get to Jesus because there are often so many obstacles and barriers that are placed between ourselves and Jesus. Some of these barriers are placed by others, some we place ourselves. We are invited by scripture to think of these barriers as we journey to the tomb and ask, "Who can move them for us."

The good news of Easter morning is that God does all the heavy lifting! When the women reached the tomb they had found the stone rolled away. One promise of Easter is that God wants to do the heavy lifting in our relationship with Him as well, and move everything that keeps us from Him aside! An important part of Mark's Easter story (and I can't take credit for this, one of the participants in our Bible study shared this thought) is that the women had faith to set out for the tomb that morning in the first place not knowing how or if the stone could be moved for them. This Easter I encourage you to approach Jesus in the same way. We all have questions, worries, troubles, and barriers that would make it seem like the Journey to Christ and with Christ is difficult or impossible to complete. Let us find that faith to step out regardless of what obstacles we may face that we can meet Jesus. The Easter promise is as true today as it was that first morning, God will roll away every barrier that keeps you from him if you step out to meet with Jesus!

Worship Schedule for **Holy Week**



We invite you to join us for worship during Holy Week.

Thursday - Maundy Thursday Communion - 6:30 PM

Friday - Good Friday Service - 6:30 PM

Saturday - Easter Eggstravaganza for the whole community - 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Sunday - Contemporary 8:30 AM, Traditional 11:00 AM

TROY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH'S ANNUAL
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Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 16 ~ 9:30 - 11:00am

2500 FM 935 ~ Troy, TX



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Birthdays

- 1 JoAn Beechem, Madison Gonzalez
- 3 Andi Gilliland, Parker Olveda
- 4 Don Mitchell
- 5 Mikey Giebler
- 6 Jayci Coleman, Keegan Lay
- 7 Pat Lackey
- 8 JoAnna Romano, Ryleigh Amato
- 10 Buddy Roberts, Julie Ramage, Michael Cochran,
Rachel Herмосillo, Anabeth Herмосillo
- 11 Ellen Huffman, Tim Bastin
- 14 Jonathan White
- 15 Alyssa Ketcham
- 20 Sarah Stewart
- 21 Bill Tyler
- 22 Pam Lewis, Amanda Rurup
- 23 Karey Tedrow
- 25 Nate Rurup
- 29 Barrett Ledger

Anniversaries

- 5 Wade & Linda Knight
- 7 Kyle & Jana Letbetter
- 9 Anthony & Jessica Medrano
- 12 Don & Georgie Mitchell
- 21 Delane & Anne Redden
- 24 Richard & Betty Hester
- 29 Jon & Megan Gersbach



MEMORIALS

In memory of Mary Faye Duck by Joe & Diana Massey, Wade & Linda Knight, Gary & Donna Allison, Richard & Betty Hester, Charlie & Janice Porter, Katherine Maedgen, Barbara Thompson

In memory of Allene Hardt by Ruth Perry, Jimmie & Janey Roush

In memory of Mary Alice McMurtry by Mike & Nancy Mercer and family, Larry & Sarah Stewart

In memory of Lewis Bulls by Gary & Donna Allison

In memory of Charles Gover by Larry & Sarah Stewart, Tooter & Susan Creech, Richard & Betty Hester, Mike & Nancy Mercer, Charlie & Janice Porter

In memory of Weldon Roberson by Tooter & Susan Creech

In memory of Charles & Evelyn Gover by Billy & Renee Carberry